

**To:** Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Way, Steven[way.steven@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Merritt, Steven[Merritt.Steven@epa.gov]  
**From:** Myers, Craig  
**Sent:** Wed 9/30/2015 11:39:16 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

The iridium base station in the MEOC was functional as well last time I was there. Incoming calls were spotty, but outgoing worked.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 30, 2015, at 4:54 PM, Ostrander, David <[Ostrander.David@epa.gov](mailto:Ostrander.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

Are one of you available to help with getting a handheld secured and sent down?

**From:** Snyder, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:53 PM  
**To:** R8 RRC  
**Cc:** Eoc, Epahq; Barry, Michael; Way, Steven; Ostrander, David  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

I will try to get a hold of them tonight to see what (if any) progress they are making with diagnosing what is wrong.

In the meantime, I would like to request we get the wheels in motion to figure out where a backup handheld can be sourced from and get it prepped to send to us if need be.

**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** Snyder, Robert; R8 RRC  
**Cc:** Eoc, Epahq  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

Robert, we need to get at least a hand held unit up there. If you can talk to the OSC tonight when they are in town and find out what options they have for fixing the unit or other

actions. We can request a backup unit from R9 or R10 or R6 if needed, which could maybe be there in a couple of days.

Please convey to the site team the need to maintain communications. It will not be acceptable to go dark.

Thanks (I will call Steve W tonight as well)

**From:** Snyder, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 4:38 PM  
**To:** R8 RRC  
**Cc:** Ostrander, David; Eoc, Epahq  
**Subject:** Gold King mine MCP satellite link is down

We at the ICP here in Durango just received a call from the OSC at the Gold King Mine site. The satellite link on the R8 MCP is down and cannot be reestablished. The truck can see the satellite, but cannot establish its link.

Please advise as to next steps.

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